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**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 1711

Application No.: 10/631,801

Examiner: S. MCCLENDON

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Docket No.: 116774

For: MULTILAYER COATING SYSTEM COMPRISING THIOL-FUNCTIONAL  
COMPOUNDS

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the August 16, 2005, Office Action, reconsideration of the rejection and objection is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

**I. Claim Objections**

The Office Action objects to claims 13-15 and 20 as being dependant on a rejected base claim. Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 13-15 and 20 contain allowable subject matter. Because the rejection of independent claim 1, on which claims 13-15 and 20 directly or indirectly depend, is overcome for the reasons set forth below, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 13-15 and 20 are in condition for allowance.

**II. Claim Rejections Under §102/§103**

The Office Action rejects claims 1-9, 11, 12, 16-19 and 21-23 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 4,619,746 to Delaney et al. Applicants respectfully traverse.